

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 11-29 are currently pending. Of these claims, 12-15, 17-20, and 22-24 are "objected to."

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 11, 16, 21, AND 25-29 UNDER 35 USC 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER JORDAN, U.S. PATENT NO. 6,327,345

The present invention as recited, for example, in claim 11, relates to call records comprising call characteristic information and identifying a same called station. The call records are created at separate locations in a telephone system. As recited, for example, in claim 11, it is established whether first and second call records are correlated. When the first and second call records are correlated, arbitrage is established.

Jordan relates to the use of voice print technology to detect if a call is fraudulent, by matching a caller's voice to a voice print stored in a database. Therefore, Jordan is concerned with callers making fraudulent calls.

Jordan does not relate to arbitrage. Therefore, in view of the arguments made herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentably distinguishable over Jordan.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Jordan does not disclose or suggest the use of call records created at separate locations in a telephone system, and that the call records comprise call characteristic information and identify a same called station, as recited, for example, in claim 11. Instead of providing call records for calls, Jordan maintains a database of voice prints.

In addition, from the Examiner's comments in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner would agree that Jordan does not disclose establishing arbitrage as recited, for example, in claim 11.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 11-29 ON THE GROUNDS OF NONSTATUTORY OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER CLAIMS 1-19 OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,694,001

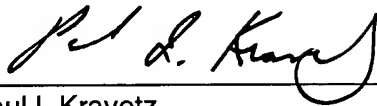
Submitted as an attachment hereto is a timely filed terminal disclaimer, and the associated fee, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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